

## CONFESSION IN THE LAND CASES

County Clerk of Linn tells the Story of His Commis-

G. MCKINLEY WAS HIS INSTIGATOR.

He Protested, But Acquiesced—Confession of Dan Tarpley—Sentences With His Presence, or the Benefit of His Testimony—He Has Been Made a Tool

Dec. 1.—The most shocking confession of the land frauds trial occurred yesterday evening, when Dan Tarpley, deputy county clerk of Linn county, a man of the character, irascible and unscrupulous in every way, confessed to having made out fraudulent entries for dummy entries, at the instigation of Horace G. McKinley, a co-conspirator in the frauds.

Tarpley could scarcely speak a word, so great was his shame and disgrace. The attorneys, who were present, crowded around him to catch the words of confession, as McKinley unfolded the details of McKinley's part in securing affidavits for the entries.

Tarpley said he protested against the entries, and insisted that they bring the entries before the court, but McKinley failed to do so, and after making out the fraudulent papers it was easier to get the entries into the land office than to get the entries into the hands of the court.

McKinley refused to return. He was accompanied by United States Attorney Mitchell, now in Washington, who refused to return to Portland to give his evidence in the land case. He also failed to make out the name of the attorney who had filed the papers of Pater and McKinley, and asked for their names in the general land case.

It is generally believed that Mitchell has been made a tool by Pater, who while he had no direct connection with the frauds being perpetrated, he willingly lent his influence to them, the consummation of which.

Handwriting Experts Testify.

Portland, Dec. 1.—Today the land cases were given over to the testimony of handwriting experts for examination. Among others, J. F. Brown, of Wichita, who is nationally known. The testimony tends to show more closely around the conspiracy.

After was put in evidence showing that Senator Frank Mays was connected with Pater and McKinley, but he is involved is not yet clear.

WASHINGTON RAILROAD.

Reported From Gray's Harbor Eastward to Yakima.

Chelan, Wash., Dec. 1.—This morning the Washington Central railway company filed articles of incorporation with the county auditor. The capital stock is \$500,000. General manager is George E. Long, D. S. and L. E. Crouch, of Portland, are the incorporators.

The company's object is to build and operate a railway and telegraph line from Gray's Harbor, on Gray's river, in a general easterly direction to Priest Rapids, Yakima county, Washington, through Chehalis, Thurston and Yakima counties.

## SALE OF NEW STAMPS ENDS.

Began and Closed With the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The postoffice department has ordered that the sale of the special issue of Louisiana Purchase expositions stamps shall be discontinued throughout the country today, in accordance with the original plan.

Beginning with the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 the government has issued four sets of these commemorative stamps in compliance with the requests of the managers of the expositions held at Omaha, Buffalo and St. Louis. It is probable, however, that the custom has now come to an end.

The elaborate designs of the special issues necessitates a stamp of twice the ordinary size and this has given rise to a general complaint from business men throughout the country who find that the large stamps entail considerable extra trouble to their use. Postmasters also complain of the large size of the sheets they are obliged to handle. For these reasons it is likely that the expositions of the future will meet with a rebuff when they ask for special issues of stamps to advertise their shows.

Earthquake in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—An earthquake was felt at West Point, Neb., at 3 this morning. The people were awakened by the shock. No damage was done.

## IN MEMORY OF ELKS DECEASED

ANNUAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Services Will Be Held by Hon. A. D. Stillman, While Rev. Jones Will Conduct the Religious Services—Five Elks Have Joined the Great Majority, From the Pendleton Lodge Since Organization.

According to the custom of the order, Pendleton Lodge No. 288, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will hold its annual service next Sunday afternoon in memory of absent brothers. The exercises will be held in Secret Society hall, and only Elks will be present. An elaborate program has been prepared for the occasion.

Hon. A. D. Stillman of this city, will deliver the memorial address. Rev. Henry Dixon Jones, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, will conduct the religious exercises. The meeting will be called at 3:30 o'clock. Exalted Ruler Thomas Fitz Gerald presiding, and an invitation is extended to all visiting Elks to be in attendance. Following is the program:

Song, by the Elks' quartet; prayer, Rev. Henry Dixon Jones; song, quartet; memorial lodge service; mandolin solo, J. A. Owenhouse; address, A. D. Stillman; song, quartet; benediction, Rev. Mr. Jones.

The roll of honor of the local Elks lodge contains the names of but five persons: Samuel P. Sturges, Edward C. Murphy, Charles W. Ziegler, Col. E. D. Boyd and Henry C. Guernsey.

## BRITISH TROOPS IN THIBET.

Taken There to Ensure Compliance With Treaty.

Birmingham, Dec. 1.—The Post says a British resident will be appointed for Lhasa, Thibet, who will have an escort of Indian troops to be housed in a compound near the Delso Lama monastery. The object of the move is to ensure Thibet's respect for the treaty made by Young-husband.

## DEMOCRATS WILL INVESTIGATE.

Will Inquire Into Republican Methods in Colorado.

Denver, Dec. 1.—Judge Mullins today issued an order calling upon the grand jury to investigate election frauds in the city. The jury begins work next week. This move is by the democrats to checkmate republicans. It is probable the grand jury will be instructed to investigate the alleged contributions by corporations in Peabody's behalf.

## BODIES WASHED ASHORE.

Tillamook, Or., Dec. 1.—The bodies of two sailors believed to be from the wrecked schooner Webfoot, were washed ashore on Nehalem beach today.

## Trading Market Collapsed.

New York, Dec. 1.—Amid intense excitement, the heavy trading market collapsed today, some positions on call dropping 35 points. A large crowd is estimated as responsible for the break.

## Mrs. Bechtold Dead.

Walla Walla, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bechtold, 65 years of age, is dead at her home in this city. She was the mother of John and Alfred Bechtold, prominent brewers.

## GATLING GUNS FOR STRIKERS

Two Companies of Militia Are on the Grounds and More Have Been Asked For

BUSHWHACKING WAR GOING ON ALL NIGHT.

Four Militiamen Have Been Wounded—Forty Farmers Rode Into the Strikers' Camp and Helped Alay the Trouble—Threats Made to Dynamite the Lister Coal Mines, Which Are the Most Valuable Coal Properties in the West—Militiamen Are All Armed With Rifles and Have Cannon.

Benton, Ill., Dec. 1.—Two companies of militia have arrived with rifles and four gatling guns, but were unable to quell the riot at the Zeigler mines last night.

Firing on the camp began at 10 and continued until 4 this morning. Four militiamen were wounded. Deputy Sheriff Stein escaped from the stockade this morning and gathered a posse of 40 farmers who rode into the miners' camp and stopped the firing from the outside.

Two additional companies of militia have been asked. A posse of 100 men will leave here for Zeigler today.

More trouble is expected tonight. Threats have been made to dynamite Lister's million dollar coal plant.

## WEBER IS DEFIANT.

District Attorney Accuses Him of Another Murder.

Auburn, Cal., Dec. 1.—There are no new developments in the Weber case. The proceedings of the grand jury are behind closed doors.

The rumor that Weber has made a confession to the bank robbery charge is absolutely without foundation. He still retains the defiant air that has pervaded his actions since the night of the murder.

The district attorney in an interview has accused Weber of murdering one Ah Gee, an aged and wealthy Chinese merchant some five years ago, but the circumstances do not bear out the assertion.

## Express Office Robbed.

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—The American Express Company's office at Norfolk was robbed of several hundred dollars last night. A watchman fired at the robbers but without effect.

## Charged With Murder.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Isaac Selby was held to answer for assault on murder Superior Judge Hebbard. Selby put in no defense.

## IS THERE DISCRIMINATION?

Claimed There Is Not Uniformity in Rates on Flour.

The attention of the Democrat was called to an apparent discrepancy in the rates on flour to Baker City from Union and La Grande as compared with the rate from Pendleton and Walsburg. It is claimed by a shipper and miller that there had been a 104 cent rate in force from Union which had been raised to 13 cents while the rate from Pendleton to Baker City is only 12 1/2 cents and from Walsburg 15 cents.

Investigation made shows that there was from Union to Baker City a 10 cent rate on flour under a special commodity tariff which was cancelled last October, restoring the straight distance tariff which makes the rate from Pendleton about 40 cents.

In order to supply the demand for flour in Baker City a special rate of 12 1/2 cents was made from Pendleton and 15 cents from Walsburg and intermediate points. Pendleton to Baker City, of necessity were given the same rate, 12 1/2 cents.

From this it would seem that Union nor no other point this side of Pendleton has been done an injustice and at the same time Baker City has been supplied with flour that local mills could not supply at about 25 cents per sack less than if the Pendleton special had not been made. It is the policy of a railroad company to build up and not to tear down a community. If communities are not prosperous the railroads go to pieces. If the cost of living in any one community is excessive, that community cannot compete with other communities in other matters.

Baker City's consumption of flour is much larger than the capacity of the local mills in this community to supply and if it was not for the Pendleton special rate the people here would be paying today a much higher price for flour than is now prevailing. The solution of the problem is simple when it is understood.—Baker City Democrat.

## MAKING CASE FOR FEDERAL COURTS

United States District Attorney is Investigating Mrs. Chadwick's Responsibility.

PROMINENT CLEVELAND MAN MAY BE IMPLICATED.

All Negotiations Off and Defendant Must Undergo the Most Radical Investigation—Mrs. Chadwick's Liabilities Are \$700,000, But She Is "Clear Out of the Woods"—Her Counsel Denies the More Serious Accusations—Assurances That Every Dollar of Her Loans Will Be Paid.

Cleveland, Dec. 1.—Federal officials are now interested in the Chadwick case. A number of men of influence have requested the United States district attorney, Sullivan, to ascertain whether Mrs. Chadwick is liable under the federal laws. Sullivan is now seeking to ascertain whether the Chadwick transactions were legitimate, and if she did not use the mails to further her ends.

All peace negotiations between Mrs. Chadwick and Banker Newton are off. It is reported warrants are prepared for a prominent Cleveland man alleged to be an accomplice in the huge swindles.

## Motion for Receiver.

Cleveland, Dec. 1.—At the request of Attorney Carr, representing Banker Newton, Judge Babcock this morning postponed until Saturday the hearing of Newton's motion for a receiver for Mrs. Chadwick's alleged securities in the Wade Park bank.

## Mrs. Chadwick With Her Attorneys.

New York, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Chadwick left Holland House at 11 o'clock this morning on the arm of her son, and took a cab, going to the office of her attorneys.

Edmund Powers, attorney for Mrs. Chadwick, after a conference with his client this morning said a general conference of all parties concerned in the Newton matter will be held this afternoon, when the final details of the settlement will be arranged. He said Mrs. Chadwick will make public a statement soon with details of the present settlement.

He reiterated that Mrs. Chadwick did not know Carnegie, and that his name never appeared on any of her papers. He admitted the woman's obligations will reach \$700,000, but said that she would have \$1,000,000 left after settling all claims.

She never borrowed money on worthless collateral as charged.

## Chadwick Loans Secured.

Oberlin, O., Dec. 1.—President Beckwith, of the Citizens' National Bank, which closed on account of the Chadwick loans, said today he has received names from Pittsburg that assure him every dollar of the Chadwick loans will be paid. He will not give the source of his information.

Another government examiner is on the way here to assist in the bank investigation.

Judge Albough, of Canton, Mrs. Chadwick's attorney, who was in conference with her in New York, has not arrived here as it was announced he would. He has telephoned that he has no good news.

## AFTER THE "FOOLKILLER."

Tried to Roll Across Lake Michigan—Fate Unknown.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—With the hope of discovering some trace of Peter Nissen and his rolling wind bag, "Fool Killer 3," the tug Protection, with relatives and newspaper men, left at 5:30 this morning to search the southern end of the lake. It is feared Nissen is either drowned, or dead from exposure.

The body of Nissen was found on the lake shore, 15 miles south of St. Joseph, Mich., together with the canvas wind bag in which he attempted to navigate the lake.

## ARGUMENTS IN BURTON CASE.

Attended in Court by His Colleague, Long.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Arguments in the case of Senator Burton, of Kansas, were resumed in the supreme court today. The government case was argued by Solicitor Hoyt. The closing argument for Burton was made by Fred W. Lehman, of St. Louis. Burton was present, attended by his colleague, Senator Long.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—December wheat opened \$1.08 1/2, closed \$1.08; May wheat opened \$1.09 1/2, closed \$1.09 1/2. Corn opened 48 1/2, closed the same. Oats opened 29 1/2, closed 29.

## DREDGE SNAKE RIVER.

Government Engineers at Lewiston Preparing for Work.

Lewiston, Dec. 1.—David B. Ogden, of the department of government engineers with headquarters in Portland, was an arrival in the city yesterday. Mr. Ogden is here for the purpose of commencing the government work on the Snake River with the new dredge Wallawa and will leave for the lower river with the new boat this morning.

The hull and dredge machinery has already been accepted and the propelling machinery is about ready for the final inspection. The work this winter will be done on the bars between Lewiston and Riparia and a sufficient fund is now available to continue the work until the raise in the river prevents efficient service. It is expected that the work on the upper river will be commenced early next year and with a fair appropriation for this work the obstructions in the upper river channel can be removed during the low stage of water next summer.

The new dredge is now equipped for all kinds of river improvement work and has cost about \$35,000. The craft will be a most important factor in all government work on the Snake river and will be a base from which all work in this section will be directed. The new boat reached the city from Riparia about ten days ago and is now fully equipped for all river work, with Captain Harry Baughman in charge.

## 150 PASSENGERS ON THE SPECIAL

THE SERVICE IS NOW AN ACKNOWLEDGED SUCCESS.

Larger Number Come From Weston and Athena, But Walla Walla Is Well Represented—Returning, Leaves Here at 5:35 p. m.—Advertising Wagon Sent Out by Merchants, Accounts in Large Measure for the Liberal Patronage.

The Walla Walla special this morning brought 150 people from Walla Walla, Milton, Athena and Adams. The train consisted of three coaches and a baggage car. The Pendleton people are pleased with the results of the excursion, and signify their intention of continuing the weekly service.

Quite a few Walla Wallans are among those who took advantage of the special train. From Weston and Athena, however, the largest number arrived. The plan of Walla Walla business men to put on a special once a week between Pendleton and Walla Walla and between Dayton and Walla Walla, has not yet materialized.

The scheme of the Pendleton business men in running an advertising wagon between Pendleton and Weston telling of the special and distributing circulars from the various stores, it is said, is responsible in a large measure for the patronage accorded the train.

The excursion arrived at 3:30 this morning and departs for Walla Walla at 5:35 this afternoon.

## DIPHTHERIA AT SPOKANE.

Agitation in Favor of Closing the Bryant School.

Spokane, Dec. 1.—There is some agitation in the fourth ward as to the advisability of closing the Bryant school on account of diphtheria and epidemic sore throat.

The attendance is about one-third of the average, and while there are no new cases, parents have become alarmed and are keeping their children home.

The board of education has provided for treatment of pupils and each day their throats will be examined and looked after.

## ARREST BOISE MAN.

Accused of Desertion and Neglect of His Family.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Charged with deserting his wife and little son in Chicago three years ago, David Mackenzie, of Boise, Idaho, a wealthy mine operator, was arrested at the Addictorium hotel by order of Judge Dunn. Mrs. Mackenzie claims that while her husband has been growing wealthy in mining interests, she has been compelled to work in a department store to support herself and son.

## EUROPEAN BANK FAILS.

Concern's Liabilities Are Said to Amount to \$5,000,000.

London, Dec. 1.—The Evening Star says the London and Paris Exchange, a large banking and brokerage firm of London, has closed its doors, being in serious difficulties. Its liabilities are said to amount to \$5,000,000.

As it is in France.

Paris, Dec. 1.—M. Jaures, the socialist leader, has challenged Paul Derouled to fight a duel.

## 203 METRE HILL HAS BEEN TAKEN

Achievement Creates Great Enthusiasm Among the Populace at Tokio.

EQUIPPING RECRUITS IN JAPANESE CAPITAL.

Kuropatkin Reports Japanese Reverses and Losses in Northern Manchuria, Where Two Japanese Generals Have Been Wounded—Russian Naval Officers Are at Rome, and There Is Likelihood That Russia Will Order Battleships and Cruisers Made and Equipped by Italians.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—The announcement of the capture of 203 Metre Hill has created intense enthusiasm and revives hopes of the early fall of the fortress proper. Today thousands of recruits marched to the barracks and donned their uniforms. Relatives carrying flags and banners escorted them. The number of men raised under the conscription act is not made public.

## Two Generals Wounded.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Reports from Port Arthur say Lieutenant General Thachiyu is among the wounded. General Nakamura, who commanded the body of swordsmen who charged the Russian forts November 25, is injured in both legs.

## Japs Capture a Hill.

Rome, Dec. 1.—A dispatch to the Italia Militaire from Tokio, says the Japanese have occupied Pine Tree Hill, one of the important hills surrounding Port Arthur.

## Ordering Battleships.

London, Dec. 1.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that several Russian officers have arrived in Rome and obtained permission to visit the navy yards. It is stated the visitors intend to order the construction in Italy of four battleships and six cruisers.

## Japanese Reverses.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Kuropatkin reports, "We pursued the enemy, who retired from Tsen Hechen, and we forced the enemy's rear guard Tuesday to evacuate a pass 10 versts south of Tsen Hechen. Our loss was inconsiderable."

## CONFESSED MURDER.

Young Erickson Claims Justifiable Homicide.

Sundance, Wyo., Dec. 1.—The mystery of the disappearance of James Garrett, a prominent ranchman, on October 19, has been cleared by the confession of Willie Erickson, a 19-year-old boy.

Erickson confesses that on October 19, while Garrett was driving off a calf belonging to the Ericksons, he was met by Otto Erickson and commanded to release the calf. Garrett, in reply, knocked Otto from his horse and attempted to shoot him with a rifle. The boy was too quick, and shot Garrett three times. Garrett fell from his horse, still alive, and the Ericksons dragged him into some bushes and there cut his throat with a knife, despite his appeals for mercy. Later in the day Otto returned to the body, and tying a rope to the feet, dragged it some distance to a new hiding place. Two days later Willie and Otto packed the body on a horse and moved it four miles, depositing it where it was found later by searching parties.

## PAIKER DECLINES.

Is Not Satisfied With a \$10 Per Day Job.

New York, Dec. 1.—Judge Alton B. Parker has declined to serve as commissioner of estimate and assessment in the two cases in which he was appointed two weeks ago. The compensation is but \$10 per day.

## Vice President Resigns.

Havana, Dec. 1.—Louis Estevez, vice president of Cuba, has resigned owing to ill health.

## Three Men Killed.

Worcester, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Three men were killed and two seriously injured by the collision of a freight and switch engine on the Delaware & Hudson River this morning. All were members of train crews.

Traffic was blocked for 10 hours.